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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES on I-710 this Weekend

**Bell to Downey** – Beginning Friday night, August 12, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct Full Freeway closures on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) as part of a \$65 million Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue. The full closure extends on I-710 from the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105) connector to Atlantic Boulevard in the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, South Gate and Downey.

Caltrans completed the first of 10-weekend closures on August 8. Nine more **Extended Weekend Closures** are scheduled during: **August:** 12-15; 19-22; 26-29; **September:** 9-12; 16-19; 23-26; 30-Oct.3; **October:** 7-10; 14-17. No construction will occur Labor Day weekend Sept.2-5.

**FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES** will occur twice during each weekend and in both directions:

- Friday at 11:59 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m.
- Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

A 6-hour FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE is required to install temporary barriers and to re-stripe the lanes to allow motorists the use of two or three lanes for approximately 40 continuous hours during the weekend. One side of the freeway will re-open to traffic on Saturday 6 a.m. and remain open until Sunday 11 p.m. Temporary barriers will guide motorists to cross-over to northbound I-710. This allows construction work to continue on southbound I-710 and allows motorists to continue freeway usage throughout the weekend with a reduced number of lanes. On Sunday at 11 p.m., a second FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE begins; the barriers are removed and lanes are re-stripped in time for the Monday morning commute.

These ramps and connectors will be closed throughout each weekend:

**CLOSED on-ramps to northbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Imperial Highway, Firestone Blvd. and Florence Ave.

**CLOSED on-ramps to southbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.

**CLOSED off-ramps from southbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound off-ramps at Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.

**CLOSED Freeway Connectors:**

Eastbound and westbound I-105 connector to northbound I-710

**RESTRICTIONS:** Speed reduced to 45mph. No oversized loads permitted due to narrow lanes.

**DELAYS & DETOURS:** Motorists can expect delays. Use alternate routes and marked detours.

**SCHEDULE:** Closures are weather-permitting and are subject to change.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The work is part of a \$65 million I-710 Long Life Pavement Project from Firestone Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Funding for this project is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forrest, Ca.

